

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

An Ohio clergyman was arrested just after marrying his thirteenth wife. Thirteen always was an unlucky number.

Theodore P. Shonts, who is presently to reform the street cars of New York, generally rides in a cab himself.

Every now and then Europe demands certain assurances that the kaiser has really lived down his past as a war lord.

British women are going back to nightcaps. No, it is not the kind grandfather used to drink, but the kind grandmother used to wear.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture is the nestor of the cabinet and is the only member who was one of the original group at the beginning of Mr. McKinley's administration.

King Edward himself may have been much surprised when he discovered in his speech a few knocks for the house of lords. Doubtless he will speak to the man who wrote it and tell him to be more careful next time.

President Buer of the Reading railroad doesn't pay to haul passengers at the present rates. A good many people will insist, on the other hand, that it doesn't pay to travel at the present rates. So we may regard it as a stand-off.

Miss Lillian Tyson, proprietor and manager of the Bon Ton theater, in Philadelphia, has inaugurated the custom of giving free tickets for matinee performances to the orphans in the city institutions, the messenger boys and the school children.

Mrs. Britania W. Kennon, great-granddaughter of Martha Washington and a descendant of the last Lord Baltimore, celebrated her ninety-second birthday a few days ago at her home, in Georgetown, D. C. She was born there and has lived in the same place all her life.

The order of Knight of Jerusalem has been bestowed by the kaiser on Dr. George Post, an American missionary, of Beirut, who is now in Berlin. The Kaiser sent Count von Wedel to the American church on Sunday to represent him when the Rev. Dr. Post preached.

The library of Yale university has received from Miss Maria E. Peck, of Pittsfield, Mass., four volumes once the property of Israel Dickinson, of the class of 1758. The books were used by him during his college course. Each volume contains his book plate and one his autograph.

Arthur F. Stater, recently sworn in as assistant secretary of the treasury, was born in Carlisle, England, in the early eighties. He was brought to America when one year old, and has lived all his life until recently in Iowa. Three months ago he became editor of the Walla Walla Daily Union.

At Christiansburg, a little town in the Transvaal, about 70 miles above Kimberley, an alluvial deposit has been discovered bearing diamonds, and the entire area has been staked out in claims, which are granted by the government, each 50 yards square. The "digging" for diamonds, which are found in the surface deposits, is somewhat similar to placer gold-mining. There some 3,000 diamond-miners, representing every nationality, are living in huts and tents with their families.

The official figures showing the trade between the United States and non-contiguous territories—Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines and Porto Rico—are worth studying. The total in 1906 was \$131,000,000, against less than \$100,000,000 in 1904. This is rightly regarded as indicating extraordinary growth. And that Uncle Sam is a generous patron of his "dependents" is apparent from the returns which prove that the United States buys much more of them than they buy of Americans. However, all of the territories are making bigger and bigger purchases of this country.

London dearly loves court gaiety and display, of which the British capital had little during the later years of the successful but rather quiet reign of the good Queen Victoria. King Edward, tactful and kindly, gives his people their wish, and the court glitter is all they could desire. It makes a pleasing setting or background for the seasons of Parliament and does no harm to anyone, for while all enjoy the spectacle they also know that the real power rests with the house of commons, which speaks the deciding opinion of England on all great questions.

Queen Alexandra owns several fine chinchilla and Persian cats. Princess Alexandra of Teck and Prince Maurice of Battenburg also possess valuable specimens, but the real cat fancier among the royal family of Great Britain is Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and the only royal cat is the one now established at Cumberland Lodge. This has been arranged on the most up-to-date principles, and has curtains windows and a front door, with a knocker and letter box. The portals are surmounted by a crown and the initials "V. S. H."

The year 1906 was notable for the largest addition to the British mercantile marine in effective tonnage and in size and power ever recorded in any one year, reports the London Financial Times. The total addition to the register was 1,550,000 tons. The merchant steamers turned out of the shipyards represent 1,800,000 tons gross, an advance of 12 1/2 per cent of the production of 1905. Sailing ships are no longer a factor of importance in considering tonnage afloat, and a further 200,000 tons was removed from the British register during the year.

IT'S NOT THE LIGHT, BUT WHAT THE LIGHT DISCLOSES.



MUST GO TO TRIAL

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS JUDGE DUNNE.

WRIT OF PROHIBITION DENIED RUEF

Mayor Schmitz Asks for a Separate Hearing, and His Case Will Be Called Today.

San Francisco, Cal.—The state supreme court denied the application made by the attorneys for Abraham Ruef for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Dunne from proceeding with the trial pending the disposition of the writ or error to the United States supreme court by Judge Hebard.

Decision of the Court.

The decision of the court is as follows: "We are satisfied that the writ of error, if it was properly granted, does not act as a stay of proceedings in the court having jurisdiction over the indictment. The petition is denied."

The case of Mayor Schmitz, indicted with Ruef for extortion on five counts, was called. Counsel announced that the defendant was ready, but demanded a separate trial. Mayor Schmitz announced his readiness to go to trial, and Judge Dunne set the case for Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

CHICAGO SUB-TREASURY CLEW.

Absent-Minded Clerk May Have Taken the Money.

Chicago, Ill.—It having proved impossible up to the present to obtain any trace of the \$173,000, which mysteriously disappeared from the Chicago sub-treasury, the secret service officers are now working upon a theory which they believe may bring tangible results. This theory is that an employee of the sub-treasury is subject to periods of mental aberration. He has been examined and admitted he is subject to attacks when his mind is a blank and he can not remember what occurred during this time. It is thought that the man, who, in his normal condition, is careful and thoroughly honest, may have taken the money and has now forgotten where it was placed. He will be closely watched in the hope that some clue to the location of the money may be found.

MOB LYNCHES TWO NEGROES.

The Jailor Gives Up the Key at Point of Gun.

Monroe, La.—Flint Williams and Henry Gardner, negroes, charged with shooting and robbing two Italians here Monday night, were taken from the city jail at 4 o'clock Friday morning by a party of 50 men and hanged in the courthouse square. Both negroes admitted the crime and Gardner also confessed that he had entered the room of Miss Jessie Bumpus early Thursday morning. Both were about 22 years old. The mob took the keys to the jail from the jailer at the point of a gun.

Schmitz Assures Roosevelt.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mayor Eugene Schmitz has sent to President Roosevelt the following telegram: "At a regular meeting of the board of education today resolutions agreed upon will be adopted. Would suggest that notice of dismissal of suit by you same day. Will live up to spirit and letter of agreement."

An Anti-Fraternity Law.

Topeka, Kas.—The senate has passed the anti-fraternity bill already passed by the house, which makes it unlawful for high school students to belong to fraternities.

EX-GOVERNOR TO WED.

Lucius Garvin, Aged 60, Will Marry Blind Girl.

Cumberland, R. I.—Former Governor Lucius F. Garvin has announced his engagement to Miss Sarah Emma Tomlinson, of this town, a young woman who has been blind from childhood. Dr. Garvin is about 60 years old, and has been the family physician in the home of the bride-to-be all her life. He is a widower and has three grown daughters. Miss Tomlinson is 26.

Government Flood Bulletin.

Washington, D. C.—The weather bureau has issued the following flood bulletin: "The Ohio river at Parkersburg stood at 48.4 feet Sunday night, a fall of 3.1 feet since Saturday night. At Cincinnati the stage is 61.1 feet, a rise of 2.1 feet, with a crest stage of about 63 feet expected to-night. At Louisville there was a rise of 2.7, to 33.8 feet, with a crest stage between 38 and 39 feet probable Tuesday afternoon. A stage of 54 feet is also indicated at Madison on Tuesday morning."

THE PRESIDENT IS READY.

Prepared to Talk Shop With Railroad Wizard Harriman.

Washington, D. C.—Now that E. H. Harriman has secured a date for a conference with the president, it is no breaking of confidence to state that Mr. Harriman has been making strenuous efforts to obtain the conference for some time. It was for this purpose that he came to Washington last week, although the ostensible purpose was to present his son to Mr. Roosevelt. The president, however, kept Mr. Harriman's visit to the White House then on a purely personal basis.

Mr. Harriman tried again, this time using his personal counsel, Maxwell Evarts, as intermediary. He was so sanguine, it is said, that he waited at a hotel for the summons he expected would follow Mr. Everts' call on the president.

President Roosevelt gave Mr. Everts to understand that he did not feel inclined to meet Mr. Harriman until he had a clear idea of the trend the conference would take. The president felt, so report says, that seeing Mr. Harriman at that time might have developments which would affect the interstate commerce commission's inquiry, and he wanted first to go over the entire ground with the commissioners and thus be as full of facts as Mr. Harriman might be of theories. Evidently President Roosevelt is ready now to talk shop with the greatest railroad wizard of the age.

VETERANS ASK FOR PENSIONS.

Thousands Are Applying Under the New Law.

Washington, D. C.—Commissioner of Pensions Warner states that 185,000 applications for pensions have been filed under the service pension law enacted during the last month of the session of congress just closed.

The commissioner estimates that 300,000 applications will be embraced under the new law, which allows the granting of a pension for service in the Mexican and civil wars at the rate of \$12 a month to veterans 62 years of age; \$15 to those 65, and \$20 to those 70 years old.

PANIC AT A SHOW.

Children Trampled and Injured in a Stampede at Paducah.

Paducah, Ky.—During the performance at an electrical theater a moving-picture machine exploded, the film took fire, causing a stampede. Children filled the place, having been admitted free. Many children were knocked down and seriously hurt. Several men went rushing through the crowd of children, yelling "fire," knocking the little ones down to save themselves. Men were fighting to get in to stop the stampede, and people were yelling and crying. In the meantime there was no danger from the fire. Mary Farrell, aged 17, was pulled through a ticket window by three men; Flora McCann, 15, badly bruised by being trampled; Ruth Reams, 14, knocked down and run over and seriously hurt.

Broke World's Bowling Record.

Denver, Col.—In the tournament of the Western Bowling congress, L. R. Everhart, of Kansas City (Mo.), Brunsvicks, and Tony Voght, of the Kansas City Crescents, broke the world's record for two-men teams in the tournament bowling with a score of 1,299. Everhart rolled 668 and Voght 631 in the three games.

A Descendant of Jefferson.

Clarksville, Mo.—Dr. Cary Randolph aBnkhead, a lineal descendant of Thomas Jefferson, died at his home in Painesville, Pike county, aged 72. He had practiced medicine there for over 50 years. Nine children survive him, all of them residents in Pike county.

BIG BLAZE IN LONDON.

\$1,000,000 Loss by Flames Which Spread From Lumber Yard.

London, Eng.—London was visited Saturday by the most disastrous fire in recent years, resulting in a loss of fully \$1,000,000.

The blaze started in a lumber yard on the city road and spread rapidly throughout the adjoining manufacturing district. A dozen buildings were destroyed before the flames were subdued.

Four Men Injured.

Pittsburg, Penn.—Four trainmen were seriously injured and narrowly escaped drowning when an acre of ground, weakened by the flood, slipped from under the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad tracks at Fallston and caused a caboose attached to a light engine to plunge over a 40-foot embankment into Beaver river. The flagman, although badly injured, remembered that two other engines were following and, extricating himself from the wreckage, succeeded in flagging the locomotives.

WIPING THEM OUT

TELEGRAMS DESCRIBING BATTLES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

AS THE HONDURANS TELL THE STORY

President Bonilla of Honduras Leading His Army Against the Enemy.

Puerto Cortes, Honduras.—The following telegrams describing the fighting of the last two days between Honduras and Nicaragua have been received here:

"San Pedro de Sul, March 6.—An exploring party of Honduran troops attacked the enemy in considerable numbers at Namasique, capturing three advanced positions, dislodging them from the town, and driving them from the vicinity. The losses of the Nicaraguan forces were numerous."

"The Honduran attacking column was small, advancing under command of Col. Leocano Lardizabel, in the face of an artillery fire."

"Rifles, ammunition and stores were captured in considerable quantities. So completely did the Nicaraguans disband in their flight that, although numbering several hundred, they were powerless to return, even within close proximity to Namasique. The fighting lasted four to five hours without material loss to the Hondurans."

The Battle of Old Delipito.

The following details of the battle of Old Delipito have arrived: "Palace, Tegucigalpa.—Gen. Emiliano Chomorro obtained yesterday the first victory over the enemy. About 5:30 in the afternoon he attacked Old Delipito, where the Nicaraguans had 400 men, and completely defeated them, taking 50 prisoners and capturing cannon, rifles and ammunition and eight mules."

Other dispatches include an order of President Bonilla appointing Saturnino Medal to be the inspector general of the army of the republic, who will act in my behalf, and shall be obeyed by all authorities."

President Bonilla Leads.

Manuel Bonilla has taken the field in person, as is indicated by the following telegram from Tegucigalpa: "The presence of the president at the head of the army has completely changed the situation. Enthusiasm has grown to such an extent that many persons of all classes have followed the chief to share in the danger."

YOAKUM AND CENTRALIZATION.

His Interview With President and Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, who had an interview Monday with President Roosevelt and members of the interstate commerce commission regarding the railroad situation, told President Roosevelt that the agitation and legislation in various states, regarding 2c fares, and the reduction in freight rates, have made it almost impossible for the railroads to negotiate loans on their securities. He declared that "The railroad men are willing that the supervision of the railroads be centralized in the national government."

"That," he added, "would restore confidence, and give the people to understand that the railroads wish to observe the laws, and it would stop the hostile legislation in various states."

THE SALOON MUST GO.

Knoxville Votes by Nearly 2,000 Votes to Close Them.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Knoxville, by a majority of nearly 2,000 votes, decided Monday that the saloons must go. Under a state law granting incorporated cities the right to say whether or not they desire saloons, an election was held as an expression of sentiment. Six months' time will be allowed the saloons to close.

MAN DISGUISED AS A WOMAN.

Invades Home of Judge Hargis and Attempts to Kill Him.

Lexington, Ky.—A man disguised as a woman invaded the home of Judge James Hargis, at Jackson, Sunday night, and attempted to kill him. A nephew of Hargis saw the intruder in the kitchen and fired, scaring him away.

Patterson Sells Tribune Stock.

Chicago, Ill.—Robert W. Patterson, editor-in-chief of the Chicago Tribune, and son-in-law of the late Joseph Medill, has parted with his personal holdings in the Tribune to Medill McCormick, business manager of the Tribune and son of Robert H. McCormick, former ambassador to Russia and to France.

CHICAGO FLYER WRECKED.

Fast Train on Grand Trunk Strikes Open Switch.

Detroit, Mich.—The Chicago Flyer on the Grand Trunk railroad, due here about 7:55 a. m., ran into an open switch about 7 o'clock at Bancroft, and 20 persons are reported to have been injured.

The engineer and fireman are said to be fatally scalded. The train was running two hours late when the accident happened.

Against Corporation Contributions.

Des Moines, Ia.—The Iowa legislature has enacted, with the passage in the lower house, a law to prevent corporations contributing to campaign funds.

Rising at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The Ohio continues to rise slowly, recording 4 1/2 feet above the danger line. Cool and clear weather gave some promise, but the fullness of the rivers above held a threat of worse to come.

A BROAD HINT TO CANNON.

Porto Rico Speaker Intimates Island Ready for Self-Government.

San Juan, Porto Rico.—The congressional party, in charge of Gov. Winthrop and Commissioner of the Interior Lawrence H. Graham, left here for a 5-mile run in automobiles over the military road into the interior of the island. At 4 o'clock the congressmen had returned to San Juan, where they attended a reception of the executive council, and visited the house of delegates. Mr. Cannon was warmly welcomed by the speaker, who made a patriotic speech, in which he hinted strongly that Porto Rico was ready for self-government.

Mr. Cannon replied, and while he evaded the question of citizenship for the people of Porto Rico, expressed gratification over the wonderful agricultural development made here since his trip of four years ago.

THE STRIKE IN LOUISVILLE.

Very Few People Are Riding in the Kentucky Metropolis.

Louisville, Ky.—Violence resulting in injuries to nearly a dozen persons, and the spasmodic operation of less than 100 cars for a few hours under apparently inadequate police protection, marked the second day of the strike of the union employees of the Louisville Railway Co. Few if any of the cars operated were patronized and a number were stoned.

Supt. Funk of the street railway company denied that any professional strike-breakers had been sent for, and stated that all extra men hired so far were residents of Louisville and vicinity.

About 3,000 suburbanites spent the night in Louisville owing to the abandonment of service on their lines.

80 DEAD ON FRENCH SHIP.

Explosion at Toulon Wounded Admiral and Sailors.

Toulon.—Eighty bluejackets were killed on the French battleship Jena, which blew up in the dock here Tuesday, according to the latest reports from the officers. Rear Admiral Manceau and a hundred other sailors are suffering from severe injuries.

The entire afterpart of the Jena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions. Scores of the men jumped overboard upon the stone quay and suffered serious injuries. The magazine had recently been replenished and contained many tons of powder, as well as a number of charges for torpedoes. The accident is thought to have been caused by the explosion of one of the torpedoes.

FIRE ADDED TO WHEELING'S LOSS.

Three Children Drowned—Hundreds Rescued by Police.

Wheeling, West Va.—Fires have added to the flood losses in the Wheeling district. At Bridgeport, O., opposite Wheeling, lime in water set fire to the extensive plant of the Scott Lumber Co., which was completely destroyed. The fire spread to a number of nearby houses, which were destroyed, and the total loss is \$150,000. An explosion of gas at the Warwick pottery, in South Wheeling, destroyed the greater part of the plant and threatened many houses in the vicinity, occupied mostly by Syrians. The police rescued a hundred or more persons from their homes in shifts, but three Syrian children were drowned. The loss will be over \$100,000.

It is reported that Fire Chief W. G. Claytor was drowned. Several other persons are thought to have been drowned.

Tom Johnson and Bryan.

Cleveland, Ohio.—William Jennings Bryan will make the race for the presidency in 1908, under the personal direction of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of this city, according to the announcement printed in the mayor's official political organ.

The Central and the State.

Springfield, Ill.—Senate bills appropriating \$50,000 and \$100,000 for the use of the attorney general and governor, respectively, in the prosecution of the suit against the Illinois Central railroad, and the investigation necessary to the suit, passed the house.

Pope to Investigate Panamanian Affairs.

Rome, Italy.—The pope has decided to send a special commissioner to Panama to study the conditions of the Italians employed there. Reports have been received here that the circumstances of these laborers are most distressing.

Legislature and Hot Springs Races.

Little Rock, Ark.—The charter of the Oaklawn Jockey Club at Hot Springs will probably be attacked by the legislature.

Witnessed Victoria's Coronation.

Paola, Kas.—John Turner, who was intimately acquainted with Charles Dickens, the author, died at his home here, aged 97. He was born in York, England, and early in life entered the British navy. He witnessed the coronation of Queen Victoria.

Jilted Swain Shoots Girl.

New Orleans, La.—Whitney Miller, aged 37, shot and killed his sweetheart, Edna Dobson, aged 17, at Point Alachache, and then killed himself. He had asked her repeatedly to marry him, and she had refused.

Archie Roosevelt Out of Danger.

Washington, D. C.—Archie Roosevelt, who has been suffering from diphtheria for the last ten days, was reported to be quite out of danger today. He passed a good night and a steady improvement shown since Friday continues.

No Color Line.

Washington, D. C.—The postoffice department does not intend to draw the color line in the matter of white and negro railway mail clerks working together on the same runs.

GRAFT TRIAL IN FRISCO

LEGALITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS DOUBTED.

SAY OFFICIALS GOT \$450,000

Also Charge That \$25,000 Was Raised by the Prize-Fight Promoters for a Monopoly of the Permits.

San Francisco.—The action of the grand jury in bringing before it the members of the board of supervisors aroused the greatest interest in the proceedings of that body, which has been forced to suspend its sessions on account of the doubts thrown upon its legality of existence by the attorneys of Mayor Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, indicted for alleged extortion.

When it was announced last night that the grand jury would probably remain in session all night, it was conceded that extraordinary results might be looked for. To add to the public excitement, the Bulletin last night published an "extra" declaring that further exposures of municipal corruption had been made and that many indictments would soon be made. In certain circles the statements were given credence because of the knowledge that the Bulletin people have been openly securing evidence to aid Assistant District Attorney Heney in his prosecution of public officials. The Bulletin says that a plot involving the granting of valuable street railway privileges were laid bare Monday.

Grafting Is Charged.

It is charged that the sum of \$450,000 was paid to high officials to permit of the conversion of street railway systems into electric lines, and that the bulk of this money was retained by "a mysterious man," and that small sums of money were parceled out to minor city officials to secure enough votes to permit of the granting of the required franchises. Another story is that rival telephone companies each paid large sums of money, one to shut off competition and the other to secure the right of competition for public patronage. Another charge is that a corporation fund of \$25,000 was raised by prize-fight promoters to secure a monopoly of fight permits. The railway franchises and the telephone franchise were passed by the supervisors in the day of confusion immediately following the earthquake in April. The supervisors were directly concerned with all of these legislative acts.

Believe Someone Confessed.

It has been believed by persons closely associated with the district attorney's office that some confessions have been obtained which have direct bearing on charges privately and publicly made. Assistant District Attorney Heney, a few days ago, when asked for a candid personal opinion of his evidence against officials indicted, and about to be indicted, said:

"I have stronger evidence against these people than I had in the land fraud cases in Oregon, and where the juries convicted."

Commissioner Wilson, an ex-supervisor; H. M. Owens, an attorney; Rudolph Speckels and a mysterious young woman, whose name is given by Burns as Miss Smith, and who is said to have been employed by the board of supervisors as stenographer, were also before the grand jury during the day.

JEWS ADOPT SEVERE MEASURES.

Want to Prevent Repetition of Recent Anti-Jewish Disturbances.

Yelisavetgrad, Russia.—Measures of especial severity have been adopted here to prevent a repetition of the recent anti-Jewish disorders. Gov. Maiaeff has been ordered to investigate the recent disturbances personally and then to report in person to Premier Stolypin.

The Jews here have received a reassuring telegram from M. Pergament, member of the lower house of parliament from Odessa, in which praise is accorded the premier for the promptitude with which he acted in the local disorders.

SINCLAIR FOUND DYNAMITE.

Quantity of Explosive in Cellar Three Weeks Ago.

New York.—Upton Sinclair, whose co-operative colony house, Helicon Hall, near Englewood, N. J., was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, has admitted that three weeks ago enough dynamite was found in the cellar to have blown the structure to fragments. This statement has spurred the authorities to more vigorous efforts on the theory of incendiarism.

Macon (Mo.) Depot Robbed.

Macon, Mo.—Three masked men entered the Wabash passenger station here and, while one held up two coal miners who were in the waiting room, the others dynamited the safe, taking about \$200 in cash and a draft. They escaped.

U. S. Supreme Court Takes Recess.

Washington.—The chief justice has announced that the supreme court of the United States will take a two weeks' recess from Monday until April 8.

Ohio Still Rising at Evansville.

Evansville, Ind.—The Ohio river continues to rise here and stands 42.3 feet. It is probable a stage of 44 feet will be reached on the present rise. Several families in the bottoms below and above here were brought here on the packets Monday.

Bank of England Gold Supply.

London.—The Bank of England has secured the whole of this week's supply, about \$2,000,000, paying 3d advance, so as to shut out possible American and other competition.

MISSOURI NEWS

White Oak Growing Scarce.

St. Louis.—The National Coopers' association held its annual convention here. The association discussed pessimistically an impending calamity which no one knows how to ward off. This is nothing less than the threatened exhaustion of the supply of white oak, no adequate substitute for which has yet been found for making certain casks. The white oak tree must be 150 years old before it is of use to the coopers.

Students Expelled For Hazing.

Mexico.—Twenty-three cadets of the Missouri Military academy, many of them members of prominent families, have been expelled from the academy for hazing Cadet Czarne, of Peoria, Ill. Czarne, who is 16 years old, was seized by his fellow students and thrown into the icy water of the lake on the campus, and he narrowly escaped drowning.

Editor McJinney's Father Dead.

Chillicothe.—Joseph E. McJinney, one of Chillicothe's oldest citizens, died at his home in this city of pleuropneumonia. He was 83 years old. His death was sudden, he having been ill but four days. He was the father of E. E. McJinney, editor of the Springfield (Mo.) Republican. The body was shipped to Maryville for interment.

Gas Explosions In Conduits.

St. Louis.—Explosions of gas in electric light manholes along the streets in the central part of the city sent a scare or more of the heavy covers high in the air. Fortunately no one was injured. The gas had leaked from mains into the conduits of the electric light company, and an electric spark probably fired it.

Declines St. Louis Invitation.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has declined the invitation of the Business Men's League of St. Louis to visit that city on his trip to the middle west in May. He felt compelled to do so on account of so many other invitations he had declined. In justice to these other cities, he said he could do nothing but decline.

Faithful Fifty-Three Years.

Clinton.—Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Hager, city chaplain of St. Louis, is attending the conference of the M. E. church, south, here. He was presiding elder here in 1866, and has been a minister 53 years. He never missed a conference.

Purchased 12,000 Acres.